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SENATOR DICKINSON: Thank you, Mr. President. I have been recognized several times this morning in various ways. I laid a copy of the amendment. It is rather brief, isn't it, Mr. Clerk? Would you read the amendment? The amendment to this bill concerns the issuing of learner's permits to 15 year olds to be eligible to obtain a learner's permit to learn to drive an automobile. As I understand it now, all a learner has to do is to certify his or her age and take a vision test of some sort and then can go out with a licensed driver and supposedly learn to drive a vehicle. It seems only reasonable that that 15 year old should have to pass some sort of a simple test, perhaps the same one that we all have to pass when we reissue our driver's license to indicate to the authorities that they know the basic rules of the road and that is all there is to this amendment. I move for its adoption.

PRESIDENT: Any discussion on the amendment? The question is, the adoption of the amendment discussed by Senator Dickinson. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion is adopted.

CLERK: Now, Mr. President, there is pending committee amendments which were never disposed of on General File. It appears that the bill may have been advanced off of General File without any consideration of the committee amendments but those amendments are now offered by Senator Kremer, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, and these are in your bill book.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, perhaps the bill in its original form should be explained very briefly. This bill comes from the Department of Motor Vehicles and it merely states that each county shall provide facilities for the administration and renewal of the operator's licenses. The amendments that apparently were not adopted on General File, there were two. One of them, the word "adequate" has been stricken by the Committee, Committee amendments, and the other provides that instead of collecting 5%...of allocating 5% of the fees to the county for furnishing these facilities shall be changed to 20% so a change of percentage that goes back to the county from 5 to 20. That is one amendment. The other amendment is to strike the word "adequate". I move the adoption of the amendments of the Committee.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the Committee amendments? Senator Rumery. It is on now, Senator, excuse me.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Kremer a question. Does this bill mandate that the counties provide this space? For instance, if we have space provided by the State of Nebraska, does the county still have to do it?